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BAY-DELTA PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRINKING WATER QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE

REPORT TO BAY-DELTA PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Assessment of Progress

(See Attached)

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Date: May 20, 2005

To: California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee

From: Drinking Water Quality Subcommittee

Subject: ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS

Summary: The purpose of this Subcommittee report is to highlight the completion of the Water Quality Program's Initial Assessment of Progress, a Record of Decision milestone. The Assessment of Progress (Assessment) is based on project surveys and stakeholder interviews, as well as the observations of the consultant when looking at the entirety of work done to date. The Assessment includes recommendations to the Water Quality Program, and the Subcommittee is forwarding these recommendations to BDPAC.

Background

The Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee's Drinking Water Quality Subcommittee is a forum for discussion of ideas about improving drinking water quality for over 22 million Californians who rely on the Delta for all or a part of their drinking water. The CALFED Record of Decision (August 2000), states "Council [now the Drinking Water Quality Subcommittee] will complete initial assessment of progress toward meeting CALFED water quality targets and alternative treatment technologies by the end of 2003." The Assessment of Progress completes this task.

The Water Quality Program hired Brown and Caldwell to conduct the Assessment of Progress in June 2004. The Assessment is based on the results of a survey of water quality projects (including a small number of projects funded by the Ecosystem Restoration and Watershed Programs), which was completed by approximately 60 percent of grant fund recipients. A selected number of project managers were then interviewed to capture more complete information related to the Water Quality Program progress. As part of the Assessment, the consultant created a project tracking database to capture survey results and provide current project information via the CALFED website. The database will be used in the future by the Water Quality Program. Information gathered through these efforts were then assembled and quantified, and overall recommendations based on the findings are made. The Assessment also discusses the availability of water quality data throughout the Delta, focused on drinking water constituents of concern. The Assessment will be available electronically in early June on the CALFED website (Program Elements/Drinking Water Quality).

The Subcommittee is forwarding the Assessment recommendations to BDPAC for their information. The Recommendations are focused on strategy and funding priorities, and improving contracting difficulties, program coordination, and communication.

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Attachment

Attachment 1 – Executive Summary and Recommendation Sections from the
Assessment of Progress (to be mailed separately after June 1)

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